

STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

LATEST PASTORAL STATISTICS.

I. ESTIMATED WINTER LAMBING, 1930.

Lambs marked 1,270,000 (1,181,710) Increase 88,290. 52.9 (44.1)%

DIVISION	NO. OF EWES MATED	LAMBS MARKED	
		Total No.	Percent to Ewes
Central	585,000	375,000	64.1
Lower North	410,000	195,000	47.6
Upper North	250,000	108,000	43.2
South Eastern	330,000	252,000	76.4
Western	285,000	128,000	44.9
Murray Mallee	160,000	67,000	41.9
Total Counties 1930	2,020,000	1,125,000	55.7
1929	2,144,000	1,089,118	50.8
Outside Counties 1930	380,000	145,000	38.2
1929	534,561	92,592	17.3
Total State, 1930	2,400,000	1,270,000	52.9
1929	2,678,561	1,181,710	44.1
1928	2,818,594	1,493,855	53.0
1927	2,867,907	1,677,458	58.5
1926	2,699,199	1,619,336	60.0

The foregoing figures refer only to Winter Lambing, and are exclusive of approximately 100,000 Ewes reported as reserved for Spring Lambing.

II. STRENGTH OF FLOCKS.

Including a winter lambing of 1,270,000 (1,181,710) it is estimated that there were 6,400,000 (7,000,000) sheep in the state on about 30th June, 1930.

III. SLAUGHTERINGS AND MORTALITY.

(a) Slaughtering.- During 1929, - 1,242,835 sheep and lambs were slaughtered, and it is estimated that the number for the first six months of 1930 would be approximately 650,000.

(b) Mortality.- From general information available it is estimated that the flocks during the present year have been further depleted by mortality due to drought, &c. especially in the areas beyond Counties, probably to the extent of 400,000.

IV. WOOL LOCALLY USED & 1929-30.

Wool used. For the year ended June 30th 1930, 780,881 (1,829,362) lbs. of Wool in the grease were used in local factories.

Woolsavouring and Fellmongering Works. 9,827,428 (6,480,596) lbs. greasy wool were treated in these works, and the equivalent of 2,315,889 (1,941,889) lbs. of greasy wool was obtained from the Sheepskins and pieces stripped.

V. STOCKS OF WOOL &c. JUNE 30th, 1930.

From returns of stock in hand on June 30th 1930 received from Woollen Mills, Scourers and Wool and Skin Merchants it is estimated that the following quantities were in Stock, - Greasy Wool 4,868,091 (5,722,083) lbs; Scoured Wool 144,616 (83,432) lbs; and Sheep Skins with Wool on, No. 124,662 (153,679).

W. L. JOHNSTON,

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